

THE GERRYMANDER.

HOW A WELL KNOWN POLITICAL TERM WAS COINED.

It is Eighty Years Since the Word was First Used, but the Practice It Describes is Still Young and Popular with the Various Parties.

Elbridge Gerry (G hard, as in Garry) was a patriot and a statesman, a signer of the immortal declaration and the inventor and sponsor of the "gerrymander." He was governor of Massachusetts in 1812, and his party majority was dangerously small in the legislature, so he cut Essex county into two districts in a way the Federalists despised. "A wily said it looked like a salamander." "Say rather a Gerrymander," said another, and the word was born.

Webster recognizes it and defines it as popularly understood. Governor Gerry that same year of 1812 was elected to the vice presidency on the ticket with James Madison, and in 1814 died suddenly in his carriage in Washington city. But the gerrymander still lives, though the recent decisions of the supreme court of Michigan lay down legal principles which promise to make an end of it as soon as they can be applied elsewhere. For several years after Gerry's performance little was heard of the practice, but since the larger states became politically close and fluctuating it has flourished amazingly.

Ohio presents a beautiful field for the manipulator. The curious way in which a line of counties ruled by one party runs across the state, while a line of opposite politics runs parallel or nearly so, makes it possible to cut one way and make two-thirds of the districts Democratic, or the other way and make two-thirds Republican—all on the same vote. The result has been that for the last twenty years or so the state's delegation in congress was often of opposite politics to the state generally.



THE ORIGINAL GERRYMANDER.

Indiana behaved herself fairly well till the legislature of 1873, decided to drive Dan Voorhees out of congress. It put his county of Vigo in a district which began fifty miles north northwest of Terre Haute and ran off southwest nearly to the Ohio—in shape somewhat like a leanback chair with a footrest. The result was that the people got angry and soon after chose a legislature which sent Daniel to the United States senate, and there he has remained ever since.

The "shoestring district" of Mississippi was long famous. Following the windings of the Mississippi for the length of the state, it was 420 miles long. As the negroes showed a marked tendency to concentrate in the bayou region, the legislature of 1875 thought it would be a good scheme to put all the "black counties" in one district and let the colored folks have it. They soon lost it, however, and now we read in the Congressional Directory that John M. Allen, of the First, received 2,788 votes, and Joseph H. Beeman, of the Fifth, 6,303 votes—"without opposition."

South Carolina laid out to beat Mississippi, and did it the very first trial by making her famous Seventh district. Custom and county lines were disregarded, and "black townships" picked up here and there from northeast Sumter down to James island, then around a three-quarter circle almost to the place of beginning, the width of the district on the southeast being merely a strip of beach between high and low tide. When Mr. Small represented this district he joined on to the almost equally famous North Carolina district of Mr. O'Hara, and thus these two colored gentlemen represented a region some 500 miles in length and nowhere wider than a county.

The Second Arkansas district is another curiosity, and like unto it are the Eighth Wisconsin, Third Maine, Nineteenth Illinois, Sixth Maryland, Second Alabama, Seventh Missouri, Twenty-seventh Pennsylvania, and last, but far from least, the Eleventh Kentucky. This last contains seventeen counties and is extremely Republican. In many of these cases, however, the peculiar shape of the state has much to do with the apparent distortion.

It goes without saying that a way must be found to stop this practice. And yet the strange fact remains that when every large state in the Union was more or less gerrymandered the net result was just the same as if all had been fairly divided—that is, congress had about the party majority it should have had according to the popular majority. As was so ably shown by Senator Call, the disfranchised in one section were offset by the disfranchised in other sections.

A Peculiar Form of Salutation. Some of the African tribes have a peculiar form of salutation which ought to have the effect of giving them remarkably formed hands. When they meet instead of saying "Hello!" or "Howdy!" they pull their fingers until the joints crack loudly.

The Potent Mace. The all powerful mace of the national house of representatives will quiet an unruly member when all else fails. Few persons know that this mace consists of a bundle of thirteen ebony rods entwined and bound together with silver bands.

SHE'S A SOCIETY LEADER.

Gossip About the Wife of Ex-Secretary Whitney.

Everybody remembers that Mrs. William C. Whitney, wife of the secretary of the navy, was a great society leader in Washington during the administration of the bachelor president. The marriage of Mr. Cleveland increased rather than diminished the social prestige of Mrs. Whitney, and contrary to the usual rule she remained a social leader after the administration ended, as she had been one before it began.



MRS. WILLIAM C. WHITNEY.

She had all the claims to social rank even before marriage—youth, beauty, wealth, culture and intellect. Her maiden name was Paine and her family was old and distinguished. On her wedding day she received her inheritance of \$500,000, and just before her husband became secretary of the navy her brother gave her \$1,000,000 more, with part of which she purchased her elegant home in New York city. The recent acceptance by her husband of a place as member of the Democratic campaign committee again makes her nationally prominent, but adds nothing to her social prestige in New York, where her position has long been among the first.

Her Fifth avenue home is one of the "show places" of New York, one of those which residents take visiting friends to look at and admire. It faces on Fifty-seventh street, directly opposite the mansion of Cornelius Vanderbilt, and is built of fine red pressed brick with brownstone trimmings. The architecture is of the Queen Anne period, and its gables and pointed towers rise above the neighboring houses in a way which some call fantastic beauty. For taste and elegance the interior furnishing is not surpassed in New York.

Mrs. Whitney is still youthful as to face, though her hair has been gray since girlhood—the result of a fever. Her distinguished husband was born July 14, 1841, and politeness allows a calculation of his wife's age by making the usual deductions.

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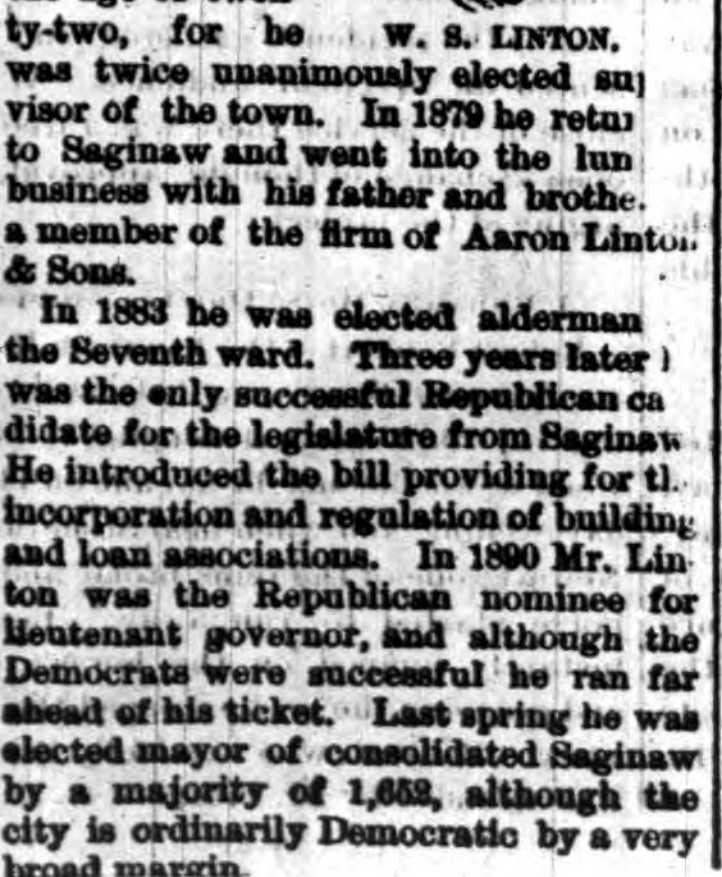
The Swedes seem to easily lead the world in novel methods of insurance. A somewhat similar and equally interesting scheme to the matrimonial insurance organization is a dowry insurance, which has been introduced by an insurance company in Sweden. By this scheme a father can, by paying a reasonable premium, secure for his daughter a dowry on her marriage at any time between twenty and forty years of age, or a sum of money for her in case she is unmarried when she completes her fortieth year. The premium is reckoned from the year of birth, and the whole plan is on somewhat similar lines to life insurance.

An Ingeniously Arranged Envelope. "Necessity is the mother of invention." Every one has at some time or other felt the desirability of being able to identify beyond doubt a letter inclosed in an envelope, which latter alone bore the postmark. A Frenchman has come to the rescue. He has invented an envelope which exposes part of the letter to the stamp that makes the postmark. This the inclosure will bear official proof of the date on which it was posted.

Houseboating on the Thames. Houseboating on the Thames is the latest and greatest fad in England. A prominent London daily newspaper is authority for the statement that never before has this "sport" been carried on in such an extensive and luxurious fashion.

Mayor of Saginaw. William S. Linton, mayor of the city of Saginaw, Mich., has been nominated for congress by the Republicans of the Eighth district of the Wolverine State. Mr. Linton is a native of Michigan and is thirty-six years of age. His boyhood was passed in the Saginaw valley, and he received his education at the city schools. He began life as clerk in a general store and afterward engaged in the lumber business. While living in Alger, Bay county, Mr. Linton held his first political office at the age of twenty-two, for he was twice unanimously elected an alderman of the town. In 1879 he returned to Saginaw and went into the lumber business with his father and brother, a member of the firm of Aaron Linton & Sons.

In 1883 he was elected alderman of the Seventh ward. Three years later he was the only successful Republican candidate for the legislature from Saginaw. He introduced the bill providing for the incorporation and regulation of building and loan associations. In 1890 Mr. Linton was the Republican nominee for lieutenant governor, and although the Democrats were successful he ran far ahead of his ticket. Last spring he was elected mayor of consolidated Saginaw by a majority of 1,682, although the city is ordinarily Democratic by a very broad margin.



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STATEMENT JANUARY 1, 1892.

RECEIPTS.

Bonds and mortgages \$150,000 00

Real Estate 2,000 00

U. S. and other bonds 21,984 00

Interest due and accrued 4,000 00

Office furniture, etc. 600 00

Cash in bank and office 10,997 97

TOTAL \$217,581 97

LIABILITIES.

Due depositors (including interest) \$200,367 94

Surplus 17,213 03

TOTAL \$217,581 97

Interest is credited to depositors on the first

days of January and July in each year for the

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JOSEPH E. DODD, Treasurer.

CHANCERY OF NEW JERSEY.

In Joseph E. Munn and Mrs. Joseph E. Munn, Plaintiffs, vs. James C. Beach, Robert J. Beach and Charles D. Crane, Executors of James C. Beach, deceased, and Joseph E. Munn, Defendant.

The said bill is filed to foreclose a certain mortgage made by Joseph E. Munn to James C. Beach, deceased, in his lifetime on lands in Montclair, Essex County, New Jersey, to secure the payment of twenty-two hundred and fifty dollars, and bearing date June 14th, 1873.

And you said Joseph E. Munn is made defendant because it is alleged in the bill of complaint filed in this cause, that you are the owner of said mortgaged premises, and a decree is prayed foreclosing your equity of redemption therein.

And you said Mrs. Joseph E. Munn is made defendant because the said bill alleges that you have an inchoate estate or dower in said mortgaged premises, and the bill prays for a decree foreclosing any right of redemption that you may have by virtue of said estate.

Dated July 12th, 1892.

GALLAGHER, RICHARDS & DODD,

Attorneys of Plaintiffs, 765 Broad Street, Newark, N. J.

ESSEX COUNTY ORPHANS' COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Asahel G. Darwin, deceased, alleged to be insolvent. Order to show cause for representation of insolvent.

Josephine Darwin, Administratrix of Asahel G. Darwin, deceased, having represented to the court on oath, that the personal and real estate of the said deceased is insufficient to pay the debts of the said deceased, according to the best of her knowledge and belief, it is hereby directed and ordered by the Court that the Administratrix give public notice to the creditors of the estate to exhibit to said Administratrix under oath or affirmation their claims and demands against the estate, within six months, by setting up such notice in five of the most public places in the county, for the space of two months and also by advertising the same for the like period, once a week, in the Essex Standard, a newspaper printed in this State.

Dated July 7, 1892.

JOHN E. DISENBERRY, Surrogate.

IN CHANCERY OF NEW JERSEY.

To Richard Duncan Harris and Mrs. Richard Duncan Harris, Plaintiffs, vs. Richard Duncan Harris and Mrs. Richard Duncan Harris, Defendants.

By virtue of an order of the Court of Chancery of New Jersey, made on the day of the date hereof, in a cause wherein Elizabeth P. R. Loring is complainant and you are defendants, you are required to appear and plead demur or answer to the complainant's bill, on or before the seventeenth day of August next, or the said bill will be taken as confessed against you.

The said bill is filed to foreclose a mortgage made by Anne A. Baxter and Thomas B. Baxter to complainant, dated May first, 1889, on lands in the township of Bloomfield in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey, and you are made defendants because you Richard Duncan Harris own the mortgaged premises, and you Mrs. Richard Duncan Harris have an inchoate dower right therein.

GEORGE R. DUTTON,

Solicitor for Complainant, Englewood, N. J.

June 16, 1892.

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT.—NOTICE

Is hereby given that the accounts of the subscriber, Administrator of George Hall, deceased, will be audited and stated by the Surrogate and reported for settlement to the Orphans' Court of the County of Essex, on Tuesday, the eleventh day of October next.

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